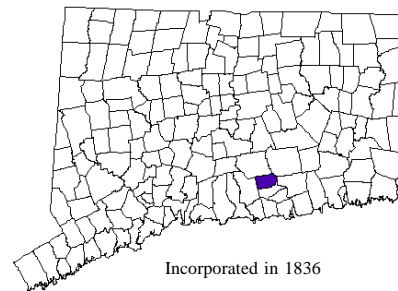


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Incorporated in 1836

Demographics

<i>Population (2001)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2001)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	3,417	143,196	3,287,116	White	3,708	147,052	2,997,210
2000	3,743	155,071	3,405,565	Black	23	6,166	266,880
2001	3,772	156,069	3,414,784	Asian Pacific	23	1,601	52,248
2006	3,887	160,770	3,465,947	Native American	15	253	6,660
'01-'06 Growth (AAGR)	0.60%	0.60%	0.30%	Hispanic (any race)	57	4,559	318,289
Land Area (sq. miles)	16	369	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	0.8%	4.0%	6.6%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2001)	235	423	682	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (2001)	\$30,163	\$31,630	\$32,317	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2001)	1,399	59,925	1,285,210	High School Graduate	697	29.0%	648,366
Median Age (2001)	38	37	37	Some College	705	29.4%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	603	25.1%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (2001)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	102 3%	329 9%	116 3%	756 20%	283 8%	238 6%	1,824
Female	101 3%	337 9%	110 3%	758 20%	272 7%	370 10%	1,948
County Total	9,272 6%	26,522 17%	12,302 8%	62,546 40%	24,554 16%	20,873 13%	156,069
State Total	213,561 6%	597,220 17%	279,666 8%	1,294,651 38%	544,994 16%	484,692 14%	3,414,784

Economics

<i>Business Profile (2001)</i>							<i>% of</i>
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of</i>	<i>Top Five Grand List (2001)</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Net</i>
Agriculture	9	3.3%	39	2.4%	Chester Woods Inc.	\$12,204,320	
Const. and Mining	34	12.6%	86	5.4%	Whelen Engineering Co. Inc.	\$3,597,000	
Manufacturing	25	9.3%	450	28.1%	Connecticut Water Co.	\$3,406,120	
Trans. and Utilities	10	3.7%	124	7.7%	The Eastern Company	\$2,757,790	
Trade	57	21.2%	187	11.7%	Roto Frank of America Inc.	\$2,328,280	
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	16	5.9%	117	7.3%	Net Grand List ()		
Services	116	43.1%	572	35.7%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	2	0.7%	28	1.7%	Whelen Engineering	Roto-Frank	
Total	269	100.0%	1,603	100.0%	Greenwald Industries	GBR Systems	
					Town of Chester		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1999)</i>	\$97,137,980	\$76,264,820,474

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Connecticut Mastery Test: Percent Above Goal</i>						
Total Students	595	461,203	Grade 4		Grade 6		Grade 8		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,752	\$8,300	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	
Average Teacher's Salary	\$44,487	\$48,598	Reading	78 55	67 60	80 64			
Students Attending Public School	86.4%	89.2%	Math	74 59	58 59	71 51			
Student/Teacher Ratio	13.9	14.5	Writing	65 46	65 46	90 51			
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	72.9%	75.8%	<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>			
High School Dropout Rate	4.7%	4.6%	Verbal		525	503			
<i>Average Class Size</i>			Math		528	499			
Kindergarten 18.5	Grade 2 14.7								
Grade 5 21.0	Grade 7 20.1	High School 17.2							

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Government

Government Form	Selectman-Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1999)	\$377,685
				As % of Expenditures	5.3%
Total Revenue (1999)	\$7,307,254	Total Expenditures (1999)	\$7,120,484	Equalized Grand List (2001)	\$391,267,136
Tax Revenue	\$5,908,287	Education	\$4,884,994	Per Capita	\$95,594
Non-tax Revenue	\$1,398,967	Other	\$2,235,490	As % of State Average	0.6%
Intergovernmental	\$1,095,682	Total Indebtness (1999)	\$3,129,250	Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	1999
Per Capita Tax (1999)	\$1,444	As % of Expenditures	43.9%	Moody's Bond Rating (1999)	A2
As % of State Average	93.2%	Per Capita	\$765	Actual Mill Rate (1999)	19.75
		As % of State Average	55.5%	Equalized Mill Rate (1999)	15.44
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1999)	16.3%

Housing

Housing Stock (1999)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (2000)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	1,548	67,085	1,392,233	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	83.1%	73.5%	63.4%	Less than \$100,000	4	667	12,351
New Permits Auth. (1999)	26	905	10,794	\$100,001-\$200,000	29	1,369	24,349
As % Existing Units	1.68%	1.35%	0.78%	\$200,001-\$300,000	12	609	9,063
Demolitions (1998)	1	64	2,968	\$300,001-\$400,000	7	203	4,013
Residential Sales (2000)	57	2,965	56,032	\$400,001 or More	5	117	6,256
Average Price	\$229,867	\$166,412	\$219,784	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$162,150	\$119,000	\$135,500	Owner Occupied Dwellings	934	38,474	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	46.4%	28.5%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	35	5,076	148,930

Labor Force

				Commuters (1990)			
(2000)	Town	County	State	Commuters into Town from		Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	2,232	84,484	1,746,503	Chester	397	Chester	397
Employed	2,192	82,842	1,707,150	Deep River	232	Essex	253
Unemployed	40	1,642	39,353	East Haddam	91	Old Saybrook	183
Unemployment Rate	1.8%	1.9%	2.3%	Westbrook	75	Middletown	121
Total Employment	1,990	67,690	1,693,400	Haddam	73	Deep River	95
'92-'00 Growth (AAGR)	2.0%	1.2%	1.3%	Killingworth	73	Westbrook	95
				Essex	65	Clinton	64
Manufacturing	800	12,930	268,400	Old Lyme	55	East Haddam	38
				Madison	45	Madison	37

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1999)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (2000)	3	1,183	Total Volumes	13,883	Electric Provider
Lodging (1998)	4	756	Circulation Per Capita	8.2	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1999)	3	1,722			(800) 286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 births (1998)	0.0	7.0	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1999) Per 1,000 Residents	10	33	Hartford	27	na
% Open Land (1990)	80.7%	68.7%	Boston	99	na
			New York City	92	Water Provider
			Providence	62	Connecticut Water Company
					(800) 286-5700
Hospitals (1999)	0	1			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	275			Comcast Cablevision of Clinton, Inc.
					860-388-3354